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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED FMG PURCHASE OF US SECURITY EQUIPMENT

SUMMARY: DEPT CONTACTED BY PRESIDENT MICRO-TEL CORP RE ORDER ALLEGEDLY INITIATED BY BRIG BENJAMIN ADEKUNLE FOR SECURITY EQUIPMENT VALUED AT DOLS ONE MILLION. EMBASSY'S OPINION AUTHENTICITY THIS OFFER NEEDED ASAP.

1. MR. RICHARD FINKE, PRESIDENT, MICRO-TEL CORP OF BALTIMORE CONTACTED DEPT FOR ADVICE RE PROPOSED DEAL WITH FMG. FOUR WEEKS AGO FINKE WAS APPROACHED BY ROBERT DRAKE, AMERICAN INTERMEDIARY CLAIMING TO REPRESENT BRIG. ADEKUNLE. DRAKE ASKED WHETHER MICRO-TEL COULD FILL MILLION-DOLLAR ORDER FOR CLOSED CIRCUIT TV SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR THREE LAGOS LOCATIONS (SEA PORT, AIR PORT, POWER STATION). FIRM MADE PROPOSAL AND LEARNED LAST MONTH VIA TELEX SIGNED ADEKUNLE THAT PROPOSAL ACCEPTED; TELEX ALSO REQUESTED MICRO-TEL REP ACCOMPANY DRAKE TO LAGOS FOR CONTRACT SIGNING. FN EFFORT FORMALIZE DEAL, FINKE REQUESTED CONFIRMATION ON OFFICIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FMG STATIONERY, BUT RECEIVED INSTEAD ANOTHER TELEX SIGNED BY ADEKUNLE. DRAKE NOW ASKING MICRO-TEL REP TRAVEL TO LAGOS WEEK OF JULY 8.

2. FINKE AND DEPT SUSPICIOUS BUT WOULD NOT WANT LOSE LUCRATIVE OPPORTUNITY. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S OPINION

PROBABLE AUTHENTICITY THIS TRANSACTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FURTHER ACTION BY MICRO-TEL. ESPECIALLY INTERESTED STATUS ADEKUNLE'S SUSPENSION BY N.A.

3. FYI: UNDERSTAND FROM FINKE THAT HUGHES INTERNATIONAL ALSO INTERESTED YOUR RESPONSE, SINCE HUGHES PURSUING CONTRACT THROUGH SIMILAR CHANNEL. SISCO

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